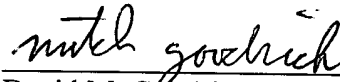


Allowable Subject Matter

At page 7, paragraph 9 of the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002, the Examiner indicated the claims 1-9 were allowable. By the present amendment claims 20-23 have been canceled and only the allowable claims 1-9 remain pending.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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